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One Hundred Men Working In Canyon

Greatest Activity In Years Counted
On to Bring Results Before Season
Is Over.

Most of the miners who came down for the Fourth of July have returned to the canyon, and parties who took them up say that not for the past seven years have so many men been at work developing canyon properties. A count was made which showed over one hundred men to work. On every property they seem hopeful of success and indications are that several additional properties will be shipping ore before the season closes.

On the Pittsburg hill there is the Pittsburg property with about fifteen men. The Smuggler and the Utah Centennial, each with a force. The Johnson property is also being worked, and word comes down that Dr. Holden this week signed a lease on the Bog mine to some Springville people who will be at work the coming week.

On the old Miller Hill there are 8 miners from Park City employed by Park City capital, trying to unlock the treasure vaults of his famous property. They have recently retimbered several hundred feet of the old Kalamazoo tunnel and are cleaning it out preparatory to going after a rich body thought to exist close by. The same people will explore a promising find on the Eudora Bell. Several of the Park City capitalists interested were over to examine progress Sunday. The Wadleys are quietly developing a good strike on the opposite side of the hill on the same property and shipped a car last week. On this same hill the Greene Leasing company has a force of men at work on the Live Yankee and John Cleghorn is developing a lead on the Belorofon. Between these latter properties the Groosbecks are doing some prospecting.

On the lower end of the Miller Hill the Pacific, with three shifts, is doing the most important work being done in the canyon. Their tunnel is now in about 970 feet with about thirty feet more to go to strike the fissure if it maintains its regular dip. This the leaders confidently hope to do, and if the ledge proves as anticipated, it will electrify the whole canyon into active life.

Word was telephoned from the Dutchman Sunday that the tunnel now in 150 feet had cut the ore ledge. In another ten or fifteen feet it is expected that the ore body found above will have been reached and the shipping of ore resumed.

Opposite and adjoining the Dutchman is the Bay State, which has ore exposed in the winze, the croscut and the raise. Park City people are becoming interested in this property and indications are that it will soon be properly financed to go after the ore with more vigor.

On Silver Glance Hill the Major Evans company, the new West people and leasers of the old Austin Patent are all sinking or drifting for ore, rich quantities of which were found on the surface and in other parts of the canyon.

Up Deer Creek the Stewart interests have a force of men in the Interstate property, and the Silver Flat people have commenced a deep tunnel with which they will intercept several fissure veins showing nearer the surface, and in the Silver Lake the North Star is working several men. Altogether there are the above named twenty properties which will bring the total of men employed in the canyon well over the hundred mark. Capital from Salt Lake, Bingham, Park City, Provo, Springville, Lehi and American Fork is being spent freely, all of which justifies the belief that before fall the long looked for discovery that will make a permanent mine will have been discovered.

Three Youthful Burglars Loot Thornton Home

While Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thornton were away in California, three lads from thirteen to fourteen years of age, broke into their home and took

their children's savings banks, containing about \$15.00 in all three, a ladies' watch and several other pieces of jewelry.

The identity of the boys was a mystery until one of them was heard to say that he had had a watch but had thrown it away because it was no good. The officers, using this as a clue, soon got a confession implicating the other two. They spent the money in celebrating the Fourth of July, and the boy who threw the watch away went and got it again.

It will be a case for the juvenile court to handle and a session will be held here in the near future.

Schools Commence September Seventh

Consolidated Board Meets and Levies
Two and One-Half Mill Tax, Also
Appoints Census Takers.

The Alpine Consolidated School Board held an important meeting in President Clayton's office in American Fork Tuesday evening. It was voted to commence the school year on September 7th, when both grades and High School will open.

The tax levy for this year will be 12 1-2 mills for school purposes which includes both the grades and the High School. This is an average reduction of about 2 1-2 mills less than last year.

Following census takers were appointed:

Lincoln—J. K. Allen, S. E. Bunnell and J. N. Anderson.

Pleasant Grove—Robert Walker and George Larson.

American Fork—J. B. Forbes.

Lehi—Francis A. Child.

Cedar Fort—Loren Anderson.

Fairfield—David Thomas.

Highland—D. H. Adamson.

Alpine—Benjamin Bates.

This census will be taken between July 15th and 31st.

Next week the board will meet with the clerks of all the old school boards when the funds, records and titles to the various properties will be turned over to the consolidated board.

The president, superintendent and clerk met Wednesday and let the contract for school supplies to the various firms who had the lowest bids.

Council Holds Special Session

The city council held a special session Tuesday evening to pass an ordinance regulating the speed of automobiles through the city. Main St. has been transferred into a speedway for autos to such an extent that it became necessary to regulate them. The ordinance is in another column of this issue.

The matter of transferring water was discussed for a long time, but no action taken in the matter. The agreement that is supposed to regulate this question is also found in another column.

GARAGE FOR AMERICAN FORK

Charles Pankratz of Salt Lake City, will open an automobile garage in the Nielson stables, the building now being arranged for this purpose. A gas tank will be installed, lathes, a vulcanizer and all kinds of machinery and supplies that go to make a modern garage. Mr. Pankratz is an experienced machinist and auto repair man.

PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY EVENING

At Alpine Stake Tabernacle Sunday evening, July 11th.

Prof. Brimhall.

Solo—Prof. Johnson.

Fifteen Minute Talk—Bert Storrs.

Instrumental—Ida Smith.

Ten Minute Talk—Brother Adelotte.

Solo—Elva Chipman.

Ten Minute Talk—Lillian Clayton.

Solo—Prof. Johnson.

A representative of the B. Y. U. will visit the Parents' class of each ward Sunday morning.

Sane and Safe Celebration Enjoyed

Hon. A. B. Irvine Delivers Eloquent
Oration—American Fork Defeats
Murray in Enthusiastic Base Ball
Game.

American Fork's July Fourth celebration was a safe and sane one. There were no accidents of any kind to mar the festivities. Yet the day was highly successful though it partook of the nature of the old time kind. The day opened with a serenading of the city by the American Fork Band who played martial airs for several hours.

At 19:30 there was a patriotic program in the Stake Tabernacle, enjoyed by a big audience. The tabernacle decorations were particularly commendable. Rev. John Meeker acted as master of ceremonies over the meeting, the chief feature of which was the masterly oration by Hon. A. B. Irvine of Salt Lake. Mr. Irvine reviewed the history connected with the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the nation. He drew lessons from the lives of Washington, John Hancock, Patrick Henry, Jefferson, Lincoln and others, compared the new republic with the nations of the old world, showing that a nation was just as great as was its citizenship. He closed with an appeal for the people to cultivate patriotism and to maintain the high citizenship established by the fathers of the republic.

Other numbers were two choruses by Ernest Payman, et al., a piano solo by Miss Luna Chipman and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner by Mrs. Clifford Young. The invocation was by Isaac Binns, Sr., and the benediction by Bishop J. H. Storrs.

Miss Leona Clark as the Goddess of Liberty, and Miss Leah Bassett as Columbia, were both charming, and Randall Shipley as Uncle Sam, took the part well.

The afternoon sports were held on Church Street and were enjoyed by a big crowd of children and many older people. There was a contest for the ladies and climbing of the greasy pole by boys.

The base ball game between the local team and Murray was a good one, and one of the best features of the day. One of the features of the game was the sensational catch by Miller with three men on bases and two men out. Miller was running with his back to the ball, and had he missed it probably three more runs would have been scored.

At the last half of the seventh innings the score was 3 to 2 in favor of Murray. Rife landed a little single to center, when Miller came up and knocking the ball way over into the wheat field, scored a home run and let in Rife. After this every man came up to the bat that inning, and seven runs were scored. Each team scored two runs in the eighth, making the final score 11 to 5 in favor of American Fork.

The line up follows:
Am. Fork Murray
Robinson.....c.....Bishop
Parker.....p.....Hummell
Miller.....ss.....Greene
Walker.....1b.....Steele
R. Barratt.....2b.....Wright
Blanch.....3b.....L. Thompson
Durrant.....lf.....Vincent
Rife.....cf.....R. Thompson
W. Barratt.....rf.....Thayne
The dance in the Apollo Hall in the evening was a social success and closed the festivities for the day.

GRAZING RIGHTS COME HIGH

M. H. Ingersoll during the past two weeks sold his ewe herd of sheep and purchased another flock containing 2,500 head. The latter transacting carried with it the grazing right to Reservation lands. There was a difference of \$3.00 per head in the two transactions, which is considered the value of the right to graze one head on Uncle Sam's protected domain.

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That Court Decree

A question of interest to nearly every farmer in American Fork is the right to use irrigation water on the higher lands that formerly was used on the lower lands. If it can successfully be worked out by some satisfactory plan it will mean much toward the development of this locality, but any exchange must be done without impairing the rights of the present owners.

The right to make the transfer was settled by a court decree issued by Judge Booth in 1905, of which the following is a copy.

Now therefore, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed:

1st—That the plaintiffs are the owners of the primary water rights from American Fork Creek through what is known as the McArthur ditch in American Fork Precinct, Utah County, Utah, for the irrigation of two hundred and sixty-five acres of land south of the State Road, in said precinct, and are entitled to have said quantity of water distributed to them from said creek, by the defendant American Fork City, said quantity of water at all times when said lands need irrigation.

2nd—It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed, that said quantity of water to which said plaintiffs are entitled is two hundred and sixty-five one thousand and fortieths of all the water distributed by said defendant from American Fork Creek to the said McArthur ditch.

3rd—It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed, that a water commission shall be annually selected by said plaintiffs, subject to the approval of said defendant, said commission not to be interested in the waters of said

McArthur ditch; whose duty it shall be to determine the necessity of water for the irrigation of said lands whenever there is a disagreement as to such necessity between plaintiffs and defendant, and the determination of said matter by said commission shall be final as between plaintiffs and defendant subject however to review and modification by this court upon application of any of said parties hereto. The compensation of said commissioner shall be paid one-half by the plaintiffs and one-half by the defendant American Fork City.

4th—It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the plaintiffs have the rights to apply said water upon any of their lands needing irrigation south of said State Road, and have the right to change the place of use from said lands, if needing water at the time, to any lands owned by them north of the said State Road, and said change of the place of use may be made as a matter of right, subject only to the conditions hereinbefore mentioned.

5th—It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that each of the parties hereto are perpetually enjoined and restrained from asserting or claiming as against each other any rights respecting the use of the waters of said McArthur ditch, except as above set forth, and the rights of said parties and each of them as herein defined are hereby quieted and affirmed.

Thorntons Return Home

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thornton and four children returned home this week from their long automobile ride to the coast and seeing the big Panama Expositions. They went by way of Grantsville, Fish Springs, Ely and Los Angeles, and returned by way of San Francisco, Carson and Reno, again picking up the Lincoln highway

at Ely and retracing their outgoing route back home. Los Angeles was the center of their trips from the south, from which point they made the beach cities and San Diego and crossed over into the Mexican town of Tijuana. Coming up to San Francisco they made the trip by easy stages, visiting all the cities and towns of importance on the way. The distance from San Diego to San Francisco measured 626 miles. In crossing the desert over mountain passes and over the boulevards of California they had guide books that told just how many miles between stations and just where they could get gas, water and entertainment.

The trip lasted just thirty days, 7 days were consumed in going and eight in returning. The trip extended over 2,935 miles, during which time 200 gallons of gasoline and 20 gallons of oil were consumed. The expenses on the trip were about \$460, but Mr. Thornton says that it was worth every cent of it.

Ninety Years Old Goes to His Reward

James Eskinsen Passes Peacefully
Away at the Home of His Daughter,
Mrs. Benjamin F. Shafter.

James Eskinsen, a resident of the First Ward, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Benjamin F. Shafter, Tuesday. He has been suffering for some time, complaining of heart trouble. He was up and around in the morning of the day that he passed peacefully away.

Mr. Eskinsen was ninety years of age May 11 of this year. He came here from Kamms, Summit County, where his relatives live, two years ago. Wednesday his remains were taken to Warship for burial, where his wife is interred.

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